Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) of the United States is conducting its 95th year of volunteer service to America; and,

Whereas, Year after year, the organization continues to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom by maintaining memorials to their service and by sharing their history with our nation's youth in order to guarantee what our nation's veterans have done for America will not be forgotten; and,

Whereas, Ladies Auxiliary VFW supports troops currently deployed in the War on Terrorism, and the 600,000 members represent the families of those who have served or are currently on foreign soil protecting our freedom; and,

Whereas, The Ladies Auxiliary VFW promotes our American heritage by conducting an annual patriotic ceremony and providing financial assistance for the preservation and beautification of this country's most treasured symbol of freedom, the Statue of Liberty; and,

Whereas, Members volunteer nearly two million hours in support of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers and other hospitals throughout the country; and,

Whereas, The organization provides awards and scholarships to students based on their expressions of patriotism through art, speech, and volunteerism; and,

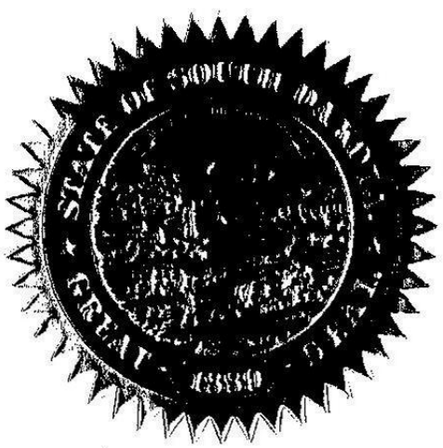
Whereas, Dixie Hild, 2008-2009 National President, is rallying Ladies Auxiliary members behind her theme, *Our Dreams Become Rainbows*; and,

Whereas, On March 20, 2009, Dixie Hild will make an official visit to Pierre, South Dakota:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 20, 2009, as

LADIES AUXILIARY VFW DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State